STATE NOTIFIES APPLICANTS OF HIPAA BREACH

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DENVER – June 30, 2011 – The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing announced today that a computer disk containing applicant name, state identification number, and address has been lost in transit between two state agencies. The computer disk did not contain dates of birth, social security numbers, or other financial information that could be used for identity theft or fraud.

State officials discovered the loss on May 6, 2011.

The department has determined that some of the information on the computer disk is considered Protected Health Information and is protected under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Approximately 3,590 applicants' information was lost and applicants will receive notification by mail as required by HIPAA.

About the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing: The department administers the Medicaid and Child Health Plan Plus programs as well as a variety of other programs for Colorado's low-income, elderly and people with disabilities. The mission of the department is to improve access to cost-effective, quality health care services for Coloradans. For more information about the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, please visit Colorado.gov/hcpf.

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